GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CINE ARTISTS WELFARE FUND
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cine Artists Welfare Fund of India set up by the National Film Development Corporation is the biggest ever trust in the Indian Film Industry;

(b) if so, the total amount disbursed to the Cine Artists from Welfare Fund during 2004-2005;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance pension and other financial assistance such as housing to poor cine workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) : The Cine Artists Welfare Fund of India was set up by National Film Development Corporation Limited on 5th February, 1991 registered as a Public Charitable Trust with funds received by way of 5% of profit on the feature film `Gandhi`. The Trust extends financial help to needy cine artists of yesteryears. The fund amongst other things pays pension @ Rs.750/- p.m. to needy artists and medical assistance upto a maximum of Rs.10,000/- per applicant. Figures are not available to give a comparative picture.

(b) : The amount disbursed in 2004-05 till date is Rs.48 lakhs.

(c) : At present, the Trust is not in a position to enhance pension and other financial assistance to the cine artists.

(d) : Does not arise.